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Message:  Following is an agenda for the phone interview scheduled for the application number referenced below. As previously agreed, I will have Steve Walder call you on Monday, 03/29/04 at 2:00 p.m. (EST) for the phone interview.  Thank you.	
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**AGENDA FOR MARCH 29, 2004 TELEPHONE INTERVIEW**  
Serial No. 09/692,344

**I. Overview of Invention**

**II. Rejections based on the Lee reference**

A. Lee is directed to a updating working memories of nodes in a Rete network. A Rete network is an artificial intelligence inference engine that permits matching a large collection of patterns to a large collection of objects is one operation of an inference engine.

B. The Rete network has nothing to do with send queues in a network. The Rete "network" is merely a data structure representation of a nodal network in which each node applies certain tests, or a portion of a rule, to work memory entries. The Rete network does not have send queues and thus, cannot suspend a send queue or place a send queue back into an operational state.

Furthermore, nowhere in Lee is the phrase "send queue" ever mentioned. This is because, as stated above, the Rete network has nothing to do with send queues. It is apparent from the Office Action that the nodes of the Rete network are being equated to a send queue. However, the nodes of the Rete network do not perform any functions similar to that of a send queue. To the contrary, the nodes in the Rete network are merely data structures that represent portions of a rule to be applied to work memory entries (see column 5, lines 9-18).

C. Furthermore, even if the nodes of a Rete network were somehow considered equivalent to the send queue of the presently claimed invention, which it is not, Lee still does not teach placing a send queue that is to be affected by a modification to the network into a suspended state. To the contrary, Lee teaches that the "suspended" nodes are those nodes that are not updated. See column 4, lines 8-12 where it states that "all nodes which are not updated are members of a second portion of the network termed 'suspended' portion signifying that such predetermined nodes have not been updated to the latest work update." Thus, Lee specifically teaches to suspend nodes that are not to be affected by updates to the Rete network. This is the exact opposite of what is claimed, that is if one were to somehow equate the nodes of a Rete network to a send queue, which would be completely against the actual teachings of the Lee reference.

D. Basically, Lee has nothing to do with the present claims and is completely irrelevant to the technology recited in the claims. Thus, Lee does not teach so much as a single feature of any of the pending claims.